

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 VIENNA 05384 01 OF 02 272111 Z

61

ACTION MBFR-03

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 NEA-10 IO-13 ADP-00 USIE-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-07 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03

RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 SSO-00 INRE-00 NSCE-00 TRSE-00

SAJ-01 OIC-04 AEC-11 ACDA-19 OMB-01 RSR-01 /141 W
----- 068019

O R 271934 Z JUN 73

FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9373

INFO SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE

MBFR CAPITLAS 625

USMISSION GENEVA

USMNR SHAPE

USLOSACLANT

USCINCEUR

USDOCOSOUTH

USDEL SALT TWO

AMEMBASSY ATHENS UNN

AMEMBASSY ANKARA UNN

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE UNN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI UNN

AMEMBASSY MADRID UNN

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA UNN

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE UNN

AMEMBASSY SOFIA UNN

S E C R E T SECTION 1 OF 2 VIENNA 5384

GENEVA FOR DISTO

FROM US REP MBFR

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM

SUBJECT: MBFR: JUNE 27 QUADRILATERAL MEETING

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 VIENNA 05384 01 OF 02 272111 Z

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. QUADRILATERAL MEETING OF FRG, US, USSR AND GDR REPS TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 27 ON PREPARATIONS FOR FINAL PLENARY. EAST CONFIRMED VARIOUS PROCEDURAL ARRANGMENTS EARLIER AGREED. SOVIET REPS RAISED ISSUE OF ROMANIAN STATEMENT AND SAID THEY HAD ATTEMPTED TO DISCOURAGE ROMANIAN REP. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT MAKE A COMMENT IF THE ROMANIAN SPOKE IN PLENARY. EASTERN REPS SAID THEY MIGHT TRY TO PERSUADE CONSTANTINESCU TO MAKE HIS STATEMENT IN ANOTHER FORUM. SOVIET REP TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO CONFIRM THE TEXT OF THE INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT ABOUT THE INTRODUCTION OF TOPICS FOR NEGOTIATION, TO STATE THAT PLENARY MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD WHEN CALLED BY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, AND TO SAY THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING OPEN ENDED WORKING GROUPS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS NOT EXCLUDED. END SUMMARY.

2. QUADRILATERAL MEETING OF FRG, US, USSR AND GDR REPS TOOK PLACE JUNE 27 TO GIVE FINISHING TOUCHES TO PREPARATIONS FOR FINAL PLENARY. FRG REP OPENED BY ASKING IF THERE WERE ANY UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINAL PLENARY SESSION. HE NOTED THAT 9:00 A. M. ON JUNE 28 HAD BEEN AGREED AS TIME FOR PLENARY AND THAT NEITHER SIDE EXPECTED A LONG MEETING. FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS BE ADMITTED FOR FIVE MINUTES BEFORE SESSION WAS FORMALLY OPENED, AS HAD BEEN DONE ON JANUARY 31. EASTERN REPS AGREED TO HAVE PHOTOGRAPHERS PRESENT. GDR REP BRIE CONFIRMED THAT HE WOULD FOLLOW AGREED SCRIPT OF HIS CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT. EAST REQUESTED PUNCTUAL BEGINNING TO PERMIT SOVIET REPS TO MAKE PLANE CONNECTION TO MOSCOW LATER SAME MORNING.

3. CONCERNING TRANSMITTAL OF COMMUNIQUE TO PRESS, US REP RECALLED THAT AT LAST PLENARY AN ALLIED DELEGATION HAD TELEPHONED US PRESS OFFICER AT HOFBURG PRESS CENTER WHEN MEETING CONCLUDED, TO GIVE SIGNAL TO PRESS FOR RELEASE. HE ASKED, IF EASTERN SIDE WISHED TO HAVE PRESS REPRESENTATIVE AT HOFBURG, TOO. EAST GERMAN REP THOUGHT DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNIQUE COULD BE LEFT TO AMERICAN PRESS OFFICER AND CONFIRMED THAT US WOULD REPRODUCE COPIES OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE AND SHORT COMMUNIQUE, BOTH FOR PLENARY MEETING AND FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PRESS.

4. FRG REP NOTED THAT WEST PLANNED A PRESS CONFERENCE BY DUTCH REP QUALRES AT ABOUT 10:30 A. M., JUNE 28 AT FRG EMBASSY. (TIME SINCE CHANGED TO 10:00 A. M.) GDR REP BRIE SAID THAT POLISH REP
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 VIENNA 05384 01 OF 02 272111 Z

STRULAK PLANNED TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE, TOO, AND ASKED IF WESTERN PRESS CONFERENCE MIGHT BE HELD A LITTLE EARLIER. FRG REP EXPLAINED THAT NOON, UP TO 3:00 P. M., WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR EUROPEAN PRESS COVERAGE.

5. SOVIET REP KHESTOV NOTED THAT ROMANINA REP INTENDED TO

SPEAK AT PLENARY AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD SEEN TEXT OF CONSTANTINESCU'S PROPOSED STATEMENT. SOVIET REP SAID HE BELIEVED ROMANIAN STATEMENT WAS "NOT NECESSARY" AND HAD TOLD ROMANIAN REP SO. HE HAD ALSO OBJECTED TO CONTENT OF PROPOSED STATEMENT. GDR REP BRIE OBSERVED THAT ANY CHANGES TO THE ROMANIAN TEXT MIGHT HAVE TO BE MADE IN BONN, WHERE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER WERE VISITING. SOVIET REP MOVCHAN ASKED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE ROMANIAN REP TO MAKE HIS STATEMENT IN SOME OTHER FORUM THAN PLENARY. HE SUGGESTED A QUADRILATERAL MEETING OR PERHAPS A GROUP OF EIGHT COUNTRIES.

6. SOVIET REP KHLESTOV ASKED WHETHER WEST WOULD COMMENT IF ROMANIAN SPEAKS. US REP SAID THT THIS POINT HAD NOT BEEN FINALLY DECIDED BY ALLIES. FRG REP ASKED IF SOVIET REP WOULD SPEAK. SOVIET REP SAID HE HAD ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED THE STATEMENT AND WOULD TALK TO HIS COLLEAGUES. HE SAID THEY MIGHT HAVE MORE DIFFICULTY IN SPEAKING AT PLENARY THAN WESTERN REPS MIGHT. HE BELIEVED THAT FOR THE EAST IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO SPEAK. HE ASKED RHETORICALLY HOW SHOULD ONE REACT? SHOULD ONE SIMPLY LOOK AT THE SKY OR SPEAK IN REPLY AND THUS MAKE MORE OF THE ROMANIAN COMMENT? GDR REP BRIE SAID THAT THE BEST WAY MIGHT BE TO FIND ANOTHER FORUM FOR THE ROMANIAN REP TO MAKE HIS REMARKS.

7. SOVIET REP KHLESTOV SAID THAT THERE REMAINED THREE POINTS TO BE CLARIFIED WITH REGARD TO AGREED PROCEDURES. FIRST, THERE WAS THE MATTER OF THE COMMUNIQUE SENTENCE ON INTRODUCTION OF TOPICS

SECRET

NNNNMAFVVZCZ

ADP000

SECRET

PAGE 01 VIENNA 05384 02 OF 02 272124 Z

71

ACTION MBFR-03

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 IO-13 ADP-00 USIE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-07 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01

PRS-01 SS-15 SSO-00 INRE-00 NSCE-00 NEA-10 TRSE-00

SAJ-01 OIC-04 AEC-11 ACDA-19 OMB-01 RSR-01 /141 W

----- 068124

O R 271934 Z JUN 73

FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9374

INFO SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE

MBFR CAPITLAS 626

USMISSION GENEVA

USMNR SHAPE

USLOSACLANT

USCINCEUR

USDOCOSOUTH

USDEL SALT TWO

AMEMBASSY ATHENS UNN

AMEMBASSY ANKARA UNN

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE UNN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI UNN

AMEMBASSY MADRID UNN

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA UNN

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE UNN

AMEMBASSY SOFIA UNN

S E C R E T SECTION 2 OF 2 VIENNA 5384

GENEVA FOR DISTO

FROM US REP MBFR

FOR NEGOTIATION AND THE INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT ABOUT THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE. HE WISHED TO AGAIN CONFIRM THE TEXT HE HAD RECIEVED FROM ALLIED REPS THE PREVIOUS DAY. SECOND, SOVIET REP CONTINUED, WAS THE QUESTION OF CALLING PLENARY MEETINGS.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 VIENNA 05384 02 OF 02 272124 Z

HE STATED THAT THIS QUESTION HAD BEEN CONSIDERED IN THE SOCIALIST GROUP AND THAT ITS MEMBERS UNDERSTOOD THAT "THE QUESTION WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND DECIDED AT THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES, WITH IT BEING BORNE IN MIND THAT IF A REQUEST FOR CALLING A PLENARY SESSION IS ADVANCED, THEN SUCH A SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE." KHLESTOV ASSERTED, (USING A DEVICE TYPICAL FOR HIM OF SHIFTING AUTHORSHIP OF PROPOSALS) THAT IT WAS EASTERN GROUP'S UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WAS THE WESTERN VIEW THAT THE RIGHT TO CONVENE A PLENARY REFERRED TO THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. CIMMENT: PROPOSAL WAS ORIGINALLY MADE BY TIMERBAYEV.

8. ALLIED REPS POINTED OUT PARENTAGE OF PROPOSAL AND ASKED IF IT WAS THE EASTERN VIEW ON THIS QUESTION. KHLESTOV SAID THAT WHEN THE TEXT WAS DISCUSSED IN THE SOCIALIST GROUP THIS POINT HAD NOT BEEN CLARIFIED EXACTLY. IN DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH GDE REP BRIE JUST BEFORE THE QUADRILATEAL MEETING, HOWEVER, HE AND BRIE HAD AGREED THAT THE EASTERN POSITION COULD BE THAT THIS RIGHT WOULD BE EXERCISED BY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AS A SPECIFIC APPLICATION OF DECISION- MAKING. KHLESTOV SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH HIS COLLEAGUES, WHO HE THOUGHT WOULD ALL AGREE, EXCEPT PERHAPS FOR ONE " COMMENT" FORM THE ROMANIANS. FRG REP

SAID SOVIET REPS STATEMENT WAS USEFUL CALRIFICATION WHICH HE WOULD REPORT TO HIS COLLEAGUES. SOVIET REPS SAID IT WAS DESIRABLE TO CLEAR UP UNINTENTIONAL GAPS IN AGREED PROCEDURES TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CONFUSION DURING NEGOTIATIONS.

9. SOVIET REP KHLESTOV WENT ON TO HIS THIRD POINT, THE QUESTION OF WORKING GROUPS AND BODIES. THIS QUESTION TOO, HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE SOCIALIST GROUP AND IT WAS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEMBERS OF TE GROUP THAT THIS QUESTION WOULD ALSO BE " CONSIDERED AND DECIDED AT THE NEGOTIATIONS. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF SUCH BODIES OR GROUPS WHICH WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND DECIDED IN EACH SPECIFIC CASE AND THAT THEIR METHODS OF WORK MIGHT BE DIFFERENT, AND IN THIS CONNECTION, THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING OPEN- ENDED WORKING GROUPS, TOO, IS NOT EXCLUDED". HE CONFIRMED THAT THIS VIEW WAS SHARED IN THE SOCIALIST GROUP ALTHOUGH ONE MEMBER MIGHT HAVE WANTED TO SAY MORE.

10. FRG REP THANKED SOVIET REP FOR THIS STATEMENT AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT IT TO HIS COLLEAGUES. HUMES

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 VIENNA 05384 02 OF 02 272124 Z

SECRET

NNNNMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** SECRET

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 JUN 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973VIENNA05384
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: VIENNA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730630/aaaajqcn.tel
Line Count: 253
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION MBFR
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06-Sep-2001 by martinml>; APPROVED <29-Oct-2001 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> jms 980227
Subject: MBFR: JUNE 27 QUADRILATERAL MEETING
TAGS: PARM
To: GENEVA
MBFR
MBFR CAPITLAS 625
SECSTATE WASHDC
USCINCEUR
USDOCOSOUTH
USLOSACLANT

USMNR SHAPE

WASHDC

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005